



Bibb County was created by the Alabama Territorial Legislature on February 7, 1818. It was one of the first thirteen counties to be added to the seven already existing when Alabama was still a part of the Mississippi Territory. Originally, it was called Cahaba (spelled Cahawba for many years) to preserve the name given it by the Choctaw Indians, Oka Aba. On December 4, 1820, the State Legislature renamed it in honor of the late Governor William Wyatt Bibb. As it was then constituted, it contained much of what is now the southern part of Shelby County and the western part of Chilton County. Its present area is 625 square miles.

The county seat of Centreville, with a 1994 population of 2,630, is the county's second largest city. Other incorporated places are Brent and West Blocton.

The Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge is located in Bibb County. Congressman Bachus co-sponsored the bill that created the refuge with Governor Bob Riley, who at the time was a US Representative. The Cahaba River is best known for the beautiful Cahaba Lilly. It is also host to over 131 species, more than any river of its size in America. Each June, the Cahaba River Festival is held in Centreville.

West Blocton Elementary School is designated as a Blue Ribbon School for excellence in academics.